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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9663
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SWEL, EG
SUBJ: FISHMEAL WITH POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION

REE: (A) STATE 129305, (B) CAIRO 13723

1. SUBSEQUENT TO DESPATCH REF B, EMPLOYEE OF GOE GENERAL POULTRY CO. (GPC) VISITED EMBASSY TO DISCUSS FISHMEAL MATTER. EMBOFF REVIEWED WITH EMPLOYEE CONTENTS OF REF A, POINTING OUT THAT FDA HAD FOUND EXPORTER'S RECORDS CONTRADICTORY AND WAS UNABLE DETERMINE CONCLUSIVELY WHETHER OR NOT CONTAMINATED MEAL HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO EGYPT. EGYPTIAN PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD HAVE TO TAKE SAMPLES, RUN TESTS, AND BE GUIDED BY RESULTS. GPC EMPLOYEE WAS GIVEN COPY OF REF A.

2. EMPLOYEE WAS ALSO GIVEN COPY OF COMMERCIAL CABLE WHICH HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY FROM GOE SHIPPING COMPANY MARTRANS, TRANSMITTING TEXT OF TELEX MESSAGE FROM PROTEINS CO (IPC), FIRM WHICH SUPPLIED THE FISHMEAL. IN MESSAGE, IPC ASSERTS THAT CONTAMINATED SHIPMENT HAD NOT BEEN SENT TO EGYPT, THAT SWORN AFFIDAVIT TO THIS EFFECT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO FDA, AND THAT IPC WAS HOLDING PURCHASER (GPC) RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS OF DELAY. (MESSAGE ALSO CLAIMS THAT THERE IS DANGER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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"SELF-IGNITION" IF FISHMEAL REMAINED MUCH LONGER ON BOARD SHIP.)

3. GPC EMPLOYEE TOLD EMBOFF IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, GPC ITSELF HAD NOT RPT NOT DONE ANY TESTING OF THE MEAL. TESTS ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH, BUT HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. HE

DID NOT KNOW WHEN TEST RESULTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

4. EMBOFF NOTED THAT EMBASSY HAS SENT MESSAGE SEEKING ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO FDA, AND PROMISED
GPC WILL BE ADVISED OF REPLY RECEIVED. MATTHEWS

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